

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording/reproducing apparatus for a domain-wall-displacement magneto-optical recording medium with good format efficiency, capable of providing a

5     good reproduction signal and securing a maximum recording region for a user is provided which comprises a recording circuit that starts recording of an information in a data region at a predetermined timing with a detection signal obtained in the

10    preformat region being used as a reference, and a reproducing circuit that starts reproducing of the information recorded in the data region at a timing earlier than the predetermined timing with the detection signal being used as a reference.